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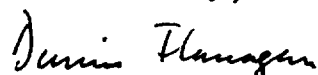
Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I hasten to apologize for the long lapse in our correspondence. We have a very small staff and all of us have been terribly rushed during these past few months.

Actually, you should interpret our silence as approval of your article. It is a solid and informative job. We have every intention of publishing it at the earliest opportunity. Our custom is to pay the author at the time of publication, but because we have had to delay I would prefer to pay you shortly. Our check will be along.

The reasons for the delay are largely independent of your article itself. We have, fortunately or unfortunately, had rather an oversupply of biological articles recently. We have accordingly had to delay quite a few.

Cordially,



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